

TALLAHASSEE BRANCH

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Mr. Tony Grippa, Chairman Leon County Commission 301 S. Monroe St. Tallahassee, FL 32301

Dear Mr. Grippa:

The Tallahassee NAACP is grateful for the support the Leon County Commission has given in the past. With the help of you and other public-spirited businesses and citizens, the Tallahassee Branch is able to serve all the citizens of the Tallahassee area. The organization was built on the foundation of strong economic principles and protecting the rights of humankind. We are requesting the Commission provide the continued support to the NAACP as a sponsor in the amount of \$1000, which includes a full-page ad and a reserved table sitting eight individuals.

We are proud to tell you that the Tallahassee Branch has many active components, which address education though the ACT-SO program, where local high school students participate in the areas of Science, Humanities, Visual and performing Arts and Entrepreneurship. Other NAACP services include education workshops, economic empowerment, recognizing Black Achievers, the Prison Project within the Federal Correctional Institution, health awareness and working with the City/County government in developing fair housing opportunities.

The 26th Annual NAACP Freedom Fund Awards Banquet is the primary fund raising event for the local Branch at which time we honor the outstanding men and women in our community. Those who have labored long and hard in the vineyards of civil rights, community service and contributions to humankind, will be honored this year on Thursday, October 30, 2003, 7:00 p.m. at the Tallahassee/Leon County Civic Center.

Your financial support is important. Your presence and participation in this year's 26th Annual Freedom Fund Banquet will ensure success.

Please contact me if you have additional questions at 224-0697

Sincerely,

Dr. Melvin Stith, Chair

Dr. Charles Evans, President